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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response being extended to August 14, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

A new Abstract is provided at page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

A replacement Figure 5 is attached following page 11 of this paper. An annotated Figure 5 is attached following page 12 of this paper.